



May 19, 2020

Marc Thornsbury, Executive Director
Port of Klickitat
154 E Bingen Point Way Ste. A
Bingen, WA 98605
RE: Bingen Point Bus Shelter

Dear Marc,

The Mid-Columbia Economic Development District (MCEDD) strongly supports the Bingen Point Bus Shelter project and commits to our partnership with the Port of Klickitat and Mt. Adams Transportation Service to ensure the successful completion of this project by providing the staff support of our Mobility Manager. This project represents an opportunity to advance MCEDD's goal to develop a safe and connected regional public transportation system.

MCEDD has a long history of successful transportation initiatives in the Columbia River Gorge, including the formation of the Gorge TransLink Alliance in 2010, and the expansion and coordination of regional public transit services. We have found that in our rural region, bus shelters are a key component of the first mile/last mile connection between rider and bus service. This will be the first bus shelter to serve the Mt. Adams Transportation Service intercity and bi-state fixed route from White Salmon, WA to Hood River, OR and represents a commitment to the local and regional ridership, and also to the regional Alliance.

MCEDD is pleased to work with our partners the Port of Klickitat and Insitu on this important project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jessica Metta".

Jessica Metta, Executive Director
Mid-Columbia Economic Development District